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Recommendation: "The DCI authorize and direct that a senior officer program be established to develop more officers capable of formulating and evaluating comprehensively policy concerned with intelligence in the U. S. Government generally in keeping with the outline described in the IG survey."

I concur that the Agency will benefit from a senior officer training program, but I believe that we must give this recommendation careful and deliberate study. I am not at all sure that we should try to set up a "CIA Senior Officer Course" comparable to that offered at the National War College, for example. First of all, such an undertaking cannot help but be very expensive to administer and to operate, and OTR advises that it does not now have the staff or the facilities for such a course.

The Director of Training points out, too, that OTR already is making very extensive use of the valuable services and time of many of our senior and top-level CIA officials as guest speakers and panelists in existing courses. Finally, we are already accomplishing a considerable amount of training of CIA senior officers at this level in

a. the senior officer colleges of Defense and State,

b. civilian and military graduate schools of management,

c. advanced studies in other subject matter areas in colleges and universities in the United States and overseas (especially by DD/I officers), and last

d. our own, existing senior officer-level courses.

I feel that we can do more in this area, and am confident that there can be worked out a comprehensive program which will meet the general needs of senior executives as well as the peculiar needs of our senior professional specialists.